

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Those present were: Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Susan Richardson, MDOT Planning; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Mike Stoner, Bay Metro Transit; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Terry Spegel, Hampton Township Supervisor; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township Supervisor; Hilda Dijak, Frankenlust Township Supervisor, and Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Stoner, seconded by Richardson, to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2008 meeting. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Update From Bay Metro Transit:

Stoner gave an update.

Public Hearing for Correcting Amendment to BCATS 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

The public Hearing was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of the BCATS Policy Committee. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss amending the 2035 MTP to correct one aspect of the amendment from the 12/19/07 Policy meeting. Engelhardt discussed the previous amendment updated projects costs for inflation factors, but one project was updated that should not be updated. The project is I-75 reconstruction in 2008. The project should have remained at \$13.5 million, but was changed to \$13 million.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

Amendment of BCATS 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

A motion was made by Spegel, seconded by Augustyniak, to correct the previous amendment to the 2035 MTP by correcting the cost for the 2008 I-75 project. The previous project cost updates to account for inflation adjusted costs and the inclusion of two roads due to NFC changes to remain in place. Motion passed.

Public Hearing for Amending the BCATS 2008-09-10-11 TIP- Corrections to previous amendments (BCATS Policy Meetings 10/17/07, 12/19/07, 2/20/08) & Additional amendments for scenic Byways Grant and Beaver Rd Projects:

The public hearing was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of the BCATS Policy Committee. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss that the amendments on the table for the 2008-09-10-11 TIP. The projects are as follows:

MDOT

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1. Add Project in 2008: I-75 & US-10 ITS project :Total Cost: \$765,000
2. Add Project in 2008: Center Ave Heritage Route: Wayfinding, Interpretive Signage & Walking Tour Brochure Total Cost: \$157,000
3. Add Project in 2009: I-75, NB & SB over N. Branch of Kawkawlin River
Total Cost: \$346,594
4. Cost Update in 2009: M-25 Streetscaping Original Cost \$983,000
Updated Cost: \$1,030,618
5. Cost Update in 2010: M-13: over Kawkawlin River Original Cost \$351,000
Updated Cost: \$552,008
6. Move to 2011 from 2010 & Update Cost: I-75 Bridges over Squaconning Creek
-Original Cost \$1,770,000 Updated Cost: \$1,876,180
7. Update Cost in 2011: I-75: Saginaw County Line to Dutch Creek – Original Cost
\$19,000,000 Updated Cost: \$25,600,000

BCRC

8. Add Project in 2008 - 7 Mile Rd over the Bradford Creek. Total Cost: \$290,200
9. Add Project in 2008 - Safe Route to School Grant: BCRC and Bangor Twp. School District installation of sidewalks on Kiesel Rd and 2 Mile Rd as well as Ped. Crossing at Kiesel & Euclid Ave (M-13) Total Cost: \$389,168 (100% federal funds)
10. Correct Cost in 2011 - Midland Rd with inflation cost factor estimate from \$1,800,000 to \$2,033,000. No change in STP amount allocated (ACC from 2012)
Updated Cost: \$2,033,000

BMTA

11. Correct Cost in 2008- Transit Project: Service support vehicle-service truck. -
Original Cost: \$35,000; Updated Cost: \$40,000
12. Add Project in 2008 - Transit Project: Service support vehicle-route supervisor vehicle - Total Cost: \$35,000
13. Add Project in 2008 - Transit Project: JARC Operating Total Cost: \$40,000
14. Add Project in 2009 - Transit Project: JARC Operating Total Cost: \$60,000
15. Add Project in 2009 - Transit Project: Purchase of two 15-Passenger JARC vans
Total Cost: \$70,000
16. Add Project in 2010 - Transit Project: JARC Operating Total Cost: \$60,000
17. Add Project in 2011 - Transit Project: JARC Operating Total Cost: \$60,000

Bay City

18. Add Project in 2009 - Liberty Bridge painting and rehabilitation
Total Cost: \$1,500,000 (95% state, 5% local)
19. Add Project in 2009 - Independence Bridge (over Saginaw river & Martin St) painting and rehabilitation Total Cost: \$1,500,000 (95% state, 5% local)
20. Add Project in 2009 - Harry S Truman Bridge (Independence Bridge over C&O RR & Water St) painting and rehabilitation Total Cost: \$350,000 (95% state, 5% local)

Engelhardt stated that most of the amendments were updating costs or added projects that were the recipient of a grant and were all reviewed at previous Policy meetings, with the exception of the Heritage Route Byways grant. Which was originally in the TIP for 2006, and the grant had been pulled, and is being renewed using 2008 obligation authority.

Dijak stated that she had received a complaint from a resident that they are upset

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regarding the M-84 Bridge project over the Squaconning Creek being delayed until 2011 since the bridge is in bad condition and is only getting worst.

Engelhardt discussed the ACRS report, which lists all of the road projects using state and federal money, he had received from Rick Fowler. On the list were three projects for Beaver Rd; in 2008 between M-13 and 4 Mile Rd, in 2010 between 4 Mile Rd and Mackinaw & in 2011 between Mackinaw Rd & I-75. These projects have federal funding components and are required to be listed in the TIP. Beaver Rd, west of M-13 is outside the Bay City urbanized area, but within the BCATS area, so these funds come through the Rural Task Force and not BCATS. Susan Richardson explained that these projects had full public review through the Rural Task Force meetings. It was discussed and agreed upon to include these projects into the TIP amendment at this Policy Committee Meeting.

Amendment of BCATS 2008-09-10-11 TIP:

A motion was made by Augustyniak, seconded by Gaydos, to make an amendment to the 2008-09-10-11 TIP with the projects listed in the Agenda Packet as well as the three (3) Beaver Rd projects. Motion passed.

Letters of Support - Marquette "S" curve, Two Mile/Wilder intersection upgrade safety grants:

Majerczyk informed the committee of two Letters of Support that BCATS recently provided to the City of Bay City and the Bay County Road Commission for safety grant applications, one for the Marquette Ave "S" curve at Walnut St/Ohio St/Marquette Ave and adding a left turn phase at the signalized intersection of 2 Mile Rd and Wilder Rd.

Ridge Road Discussion:

Spegel discussed the issue of the poor road condition of Ridge Rd between M-15 and Scheurmann Rd. The road is not a Primary road in Hampton Twp and is a City Major in Bay City, but is entirely federal aid eligible. Lillo stated that the road has poor drainage and any road improvements won't be effective without addressing the drainage problem. Gaydos stated that his priority projects for the next few years are dictated by the Bay City Board of Commissioners, being parts of Trumbull, Johnson, & Lincoln. Gaydos suggested to Spegel to write to the Bay City Mayor & city manager to express his concerns about Ridge Road. Lillo suggested that Ridge Rd could be part of the Building Better Local Roads Program.

Clean Diesel Initiative:

As an informative note, Engelhardt discussed the Clean Diesel Initiative and stated he could provide more information to committee members as requested.

BCATS FY2009 UWP Discussion:

Engelhardt discussed the pre-UWP meeting in Lansing attended by Stoner & Engelhardt. Planned projects for 2009 include on going analysis for S/E data for the Travel Demand Model, the Non-Motorized Plan, 2010-2013 TIP development, and any suggestion on other projects by the committee would be considered.

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Project Updates:

The ***Pine Street Project*** is under way. The ***Seven Mile Road Project*** is going out for bid with a June let date. All is well so far on the ***North Henry Street Project Phase II & III***. The ***Independence Bridge Project*** is out for bid and should be fixed by the end of June. Essexville completed their internet Asset Management Reporting and has received a version of RoadSoft and plans to put together and draft an Asset Management plan. Majerczyk added that he felt the new version of the Internet Reporting Tool for is much better then the previous verison. Also, the city of Bay City and the Bay County Road Commission completed the asset management reporting by April 1 as required. All implementing agencies were in compliance with the asset management reporting for 2008.

Other/New Business:

Title VI Reporting

Engelhardt noted to the committee that Title VI reporting deadline is in September.

As there was no further business, the April 16, 2008 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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